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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#26 OCTOBER 4, 2011

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

October 04, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A LETTER OF ALLOCATION FROM THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES - CHILDREN'S
MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH TO PROVIDE PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE CASE
MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE TERM OF
OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012, APPROVE ONE NEW
POSITION, AND AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept a Letter of Allocation from the California Department of Health Care Services – Children's Medical Services to support the Los Angeles County Pediatric Palliative Care Case Management project, approve one new position, and approve an appropriation adjustment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept a Letter of Allocation (LOA) (Exhibit I) from the California Department of Health Care Services – Children's Medical Services Branch (State) for the period of October 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$100,355 to support DPH's Children's Medical Services (CMS), California Children's Services (CCS), Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) Case Management project .
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the LOA that extend the term through June

30, 2015; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through September 30, 2015; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base amount; subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

3. Approve one new Full Time Equivalent Public Health Nurse (PHN) position in excess of that which is provided for in the DPH staffing ordinance pursuant to Section 6.06.020 of the County Code, and subject to allocation by the CEO. This position is 100 percent offset by funds from the State's LOA to provide administrative and management services to support DPH's PPC project in its entirety.

4. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment A) in the amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2011-12 to increase appropriation for salaries and employee benefits (S&EB) in the amount of \$92,000 and services and supplies (S&S) in the amount of \$8,000 for activities to be carried out by DPH's PPC project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In accordance with the State's mandate, the PPC project (Project) is to be administered by DPH's CMS CCS Program. This program currently provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under age 21 with State CCS-eligible medical conditions. The Project will enable DPH to provide PPC services to State CCS-eligible patients. PPC is defined as an active approach to comprehensive, comfort-oriented, educational care for children, adolescents, and their families, which enhances the child's, adolescent's, and/or families' quality of life, minimizes suffering, relieves the causes of distress, and provides emotional support through interdisciplinary services and interventions.

Approval of the recommended actions will support the initiation of the Project which will provide intensive administrative and case management services for pediatric patients. Pediatric patients eligible for the Project must be 1) under 21 years of age, 2) have full scope Medi-Cal with no share of cost to the County, 3) reside in Los Angeles County, 4) have at least one of the State CCS medical conditions eligible for the Project (e.g., neoplasms, cystic fibrosis, heart failure, pulmonary hypertension, complication of organ transplant), and 5) be anticipated to need at least 30 days hospitalization in an acute care facility in the subsequent 12 month period.

Approval of the recommended actions will also allow DPH to hire one PHN who will be responsible for implementing the Project by authorizing eligible children, adolescents, and families to receive palliative care services while concurrently pursuing treatment for the patient's life threatening, chronic, terminal, and/or end-of-life medical condition. These services will be provided by State CCS-paneled providers, which are approved by the State to provide such services.

The PHN will be responsible for evaluating the patients' Project eligibility, referring patients for appropriate services, and case managing the eligible patients for Project services. As authorized, the CCS-paneled providers will provide respite care; post-death family bereavement counseling; spiritual counseling; individual art, music, and activity/play therapy; and child life and traditional hospice care concurrently with curative or life-prolonging treatment to eligible children, adolescents, and their families.

The Appropriation Adjustment will allow DPH to increase spending authority in DPH's FY 2011-12

County Budget to support the S&EB and S&S associated with the Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The State LOA for the term of October 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$100,355, consists of State and federal Medi-Cal Title XIX funds.

Approval of the Appropriation Allocation in the amount of \$100,000 will increase DPH's FY 2011-12 appropriation for S&EB by \$92,000 and S&S by \$8,000 for Project activities, at no net County cost.

Additional funding for the Project is anticipated, dependent upon availability of funding at the State and federal level. Should future funding be allocated, it will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

PPC seeks to make patients comfortable and manage the pain and symptoms produced by life threatening chronic conditions. The PHN will receive intensive end-of-life training by a State-approved training center to ensure he/she is well equipped to case manage this patient population. All costs associated with this training are included in the LOA. After training is complete, the PHN will initiate the process of identifying and referring patients to State CCS-paneled providers, which in turn will link these children, adolescents, and families to the enhanced services. The LOA, consisting of State and federal funding ensures 100 percent funding of the Project.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form. Attachment A is the Appropriation Adjustment. Attachment B is the Grant Management Statement for grants exceeding \$100,000.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

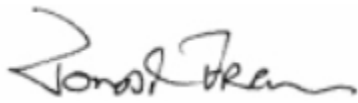
Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to improve and enhance the quality of life of children, adolescents, and families in need of pediatric palliative care services who are facing life threatening, chronic, terminal, and/or end-of-life medical conditions. The Project will help minimize suffering, relieve distress, and provide emotional support through interdisciplinary services and interventions to children, adolescents, and families and will enable DPH to hire and train a PHN who will be responsible for case management and eligibility and referral services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/4/2011

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "F".

JONATHAN E. FIELDING, M.D., M.P.H.

Director and Health Officer

JEF:rdt/ev

Enclosures

c: Auditor Controller
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

August 12, 2011

Wesley Ford, CCS Administrator
California Children's Services (CCS) Program
9320 Telstar Avenue, Suite 226
El Monte, CA 91731-2849

Dear Mr. Ford:

**CALIFORNIA CHILDREN SERVICES (CCS) PROGRAM
PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE WAIVER (PPCW)
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2011-2012 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the FY 2011-2012 CCS PPCW allocation for your county. These allocations are estimates of your county's PPCW full-time equivalent (FTE) position usage and budget expenditures.

FTE positions	1.0
Budget Allocation	\$ 100,355

Acceptance of these funds by Los Angeles County constitutes agreement that Los Angeles County will:

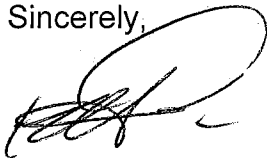
- 1) comply with the mandates of AB 1745 and the federal Children's Medical Services (CMS) Standards, Terms and Conditions related to the waiver approval and all applicable Federal and State requirements pertaining to the CCS Program and
- 2) adhere to all applicable policies and procedures set forth by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

The budget that was submitted by Los Angeles County is approved as written.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Dr. Jill Abramson at (916) 327-2108 or jill.abramson@dhcs.ca.gov.

Mr. Wesley Ford
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August 12, 2011

Sincerely,



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Chief Medical Officer
Children's Medical Services

cc: Jill M. Abramson, MD, MPH, FAAP
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH-CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SVS

DEPT'S.
NO. 250

September 8, 2011

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2011-2012

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

Department Public Health-Children's Medical Services
A01-PS-88-8831-25740
State - Other \$28,000
Increase Revenue

Department Public Health-Children's Medical Services
A01-PS-92-9433-25740
Medi-Cal \$72,000
Increase Revenue

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 100,000

USES

Department Public Health-Children's Medical Services
A01-PS-1000-25740
Salaries & Employee Benefits \$92,000
Increase Appropriation

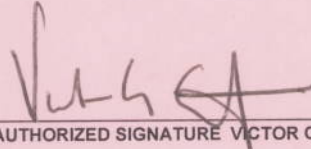
Department Public Health-Children's Medical Services
A01-PS-2000-25740
Services & Supplies \$ 8,000
Increase Appropriation

USES TOTAL: \$ 100,000

JUSTIFICATION

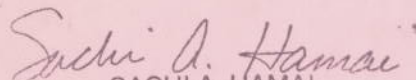
To request an increase in Salaries & Employee Benefits and Services & Supplies appropriation for Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) budget. Funding is provided by State in the amount of \$28,000 which results in drawing down additional Federal Funds of \$72,000. This allows to fund 1 new positions request for 9 months only. There is no impact on Net County Cost.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES


AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE VICTOR CORTEZ, CHIEF CONTROLLER'S DIVISION

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

26 OCT 4 2011


SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER


REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---

☐ ACTION

☒ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

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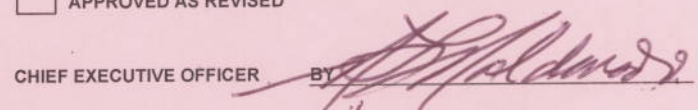
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☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED

☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY


Sept. 16, 20 11

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000

Department: Public Health – Public Health

Grant Project Title and Description

Pediatric Palliative Care Case Management Services

Funding Agency

California Department of
Health Care Services –
Children's Medical Services

Program (Fed. Grant #State Bill or Code #)

Grant Acceptance Deadline
ASAP

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$100,355

County Match Requirements: N/A

Grant Period:

Begin Date: October 1, 2011

End Date: June 30, 2012

Number of Personnel Hired Under this Grant:

Full Time 1

Part Time

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant funded program? Yes ☒ No ☐

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary "N" items? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires Yes ☐ No ☒

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes ☐ No ☒

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes ☐ No ☒

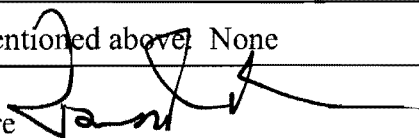
(Describe)

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by this grant Yes ☒ No ☐

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None.

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature



Date

8.12.11